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## THE WORLD'S FAIR WILL CLOSE TO-NIGHT.

### THE ST. LOUIS BIG SHOW ENDS AT MIDNIGHT

TO-DAY IS "FRANCIS DAY," SO NAMED IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT DAVID R. FRANCIS.

THERE IS A GENERAL SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS WILL DO THE PIKE TONIGHT AND THEN BE SERENADED.

(By Publishers' Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will officially come to an end at midnight to-night when the grand illumination which has delighted the eyes of millions during the past seven months, will be turned off for the last time. The final day of the World's Fair was one of the most brilliant of the entire season. It was "Francis Day," being devoted to honoring David Francis, president of the Exposition Company and the man to whose efforts the magnificent success of the exposition is largely due.

A general suspension of business marked the day. In response to proclamations of Governor Dockery and Mayor Wells, declaring it a holiday. Courts, public schools, many whole sale and retail stores, public offices and manufacturing concerns remained closed and all turned to the Fair grounds, all classes being bent upon having one more look at the Exposition.

Though the sky was cloudy, no rain fell up to noon and the crowds began arriving at the grounds early. It is probable that with to-day's attendance, the total for the season will be brought very close to nineteen millions.

"Francis Day" began at nine A. M., when, in a special trolley car and escorted by the Ceremonies Committee and Mayor Wells, the President of the Exposition was taken from his residence to the administration building where a reception was held.

At 10:30 A. M., President Francis, escorted by directors and other officials and employees of the Exposition Company, went to the plaza at St. Louis, the procession being headed by a large military escort.

The formal ceremonies of the day began at the Louisiana monument at 11 o'clock and consisted of prayer by Rev. S. J. Nichols and addresses by Governor Dockery, Mayor Wells and Mr. Francis. Special features of various kinds marked the afternoon and evening. At 5 P. M., President Francis will be entertained by the Board of Lady Managers. At 10 P. M., he will make a tour of the Pike and be serenaded. At 10:15 the firing of one hundred minute guns will begin and continue until midnight. Sharply at 12 o'clock "Taps" will be sounded, the lights turned out and the greatest exposition in history will be a thing of the past. It is promised that the rowdism which characterized the closing hours of previous expositions will not be tolerated to-night. Besides the entire force of Jefferson guards, augmented by City Police force, the 16th United States Infantry over five hundred men will do patrol duty.

British Resident For Tibet. (By Publishers' Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 1.—The Post hears a British resident will be appointed for Lhasa Tibet. He will have an escort of Indian troops who will be housed in a special compound near the Dalai Lamas Monastery. The object of the move is to ensure Tibetan respect for the terms made with Tibet by Colonel Younghusband.

The Knights of the Maccabees will elect officers at the next meeting of the lodge, Monday evening, December 5.

Ask your grocer for Marion flour. x

#### Smallpox Report.

Official report of the health board regarding the smallpox situation in Fairmont:

Thursday, December 1.	
Cases sick	4
New cases	0
Convalescents	5
Deaths	0

DR. C. O. HENRY,  
County Health Officer.

DR. HAL HALL,  
City Health Officer.

### BOSTON HERALD EXPLAINS THINGS

COMMENTS EDITORIAL ON THE THANKSGIVING "TURKEY STORY" AND OTHER NEWS.

(By Publishers' Press.)

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—The Herald this morning editorially says:

"It is always with keen regret that the management of the Herald finds that it has been the means of circulating statements which have no foundation in truth or that are at all misleading. But two or three things have happened lately which have caused us considerable annoyance. One was the publication of an interview whose accuracy was questioned, but the truth of which we were in a position to substantiate if necessary required.

Another was the announcement that Mr. Wells was the choice of Mayor Collins for the first vacancy on the Board of Police. And the third was the 'turkey story' relative to the doings of the President's children.

"The 'turkey story' was related by a Washington correspondent to one of our reporters, and was sent over in good faith. Candor compels us to say that it was not worth telegraphing. None of these publications, as far as our investigation goes, was prompted by malice, and we hope it is well understood that the Herald columns, editorial or news, are not permitted to be the vehicle for the outpouring of any man's malicious pen.

"The President errs in his statement that the reported Thanksgiving turkey incident was the subject of editorial comment in the Herald. It has not been commented upon or alluded to in any way in our editorial columns. The comment quoted by the President appeared in a special department of this paper that is not editorial, but individual and which bears the pseudonym of the writer thereof. The President's error seems to warrant the inference that even he gets misinformed occasionally."

### REPENTANT THIEF RETURNED COAT

TOUCHING APPEAL OF Y. M. C. A. STUDENT HAD A FETCHING EFFECT.

(By Publishers' Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—An impassioned appeal by a chief Y. M. C. A. student brought repentance from a thief yesterday at the University of Chicago and a stolen overcoat, taken from Snell Hall at the Y. M. C. A. dormitory last Monday, was returned with a note of apology. Roscoe G. Statt missed his new winter overcoat and posted this notice: "Will the honest soul who removed my long black and desirable overcoat from the reading room Monday night please return it? It is needed. I have only a light one for spring. For the goodness of your heart.

Your debtor."

Yesterday Statt received an express package and upon opening it found his coat with the following note:

"I know that I did wrong to steal your coat. It was not large enough anyhow. I ask you to forgive me. Repentant."

### JUDGE PARKER

WON'T WORK FOR TEN DOLLARS A DAY—HE IS A HIGH PRICED LAWYER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, who recently opened a law office here, has declined to serve as Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in two cases in which he was appointed two weeks ago by Justice O'Gorman, of the Supreme Court. He was to be chairman of the board in both cases.

The compensation is ten dollars a day for each session of the boards. Both proceedings were to acquire title for the city to water front property on the East river. Usually high priced lawyers do not sit on the boards, as the compensation is scarcely big enough.

All Music sung in "The Beauty Doctor" on sale only at Marion Piano Co.

Every sack of Marion flour guaranteed. Try it. x

### "STAND PATTERS" ON DECK-- BESIEGE THE WHITE HOUSE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS NOT YET DECIDED THE EXTRA SESSION QUESTION.

UNCLE JOE CANNON RECENTLY HAD A CONFERENCE WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

(By Publishers' Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Since it became generally known that the President was in favor of a revision of the tariff, the White House has been fairly besieged by representatives of the "stand patters." Although he has not quailed under their fire, nor even taken to cover, there are indications that he is willing to reconsider his views relative to an extra session of Congress next spring, if it can be shown clearly that the interests of the party demand a postponement of what he sincerely believes to be inevitable. At present, they are bending every effort to prevent serious public discussion of the subject during the coming session. They are anxious to take off the suggested special message from the whole house on the subject. The President has so far acceded to their wishes as to omit any discussion of the general tariff in his forthcoming annual message. Whether or not they will be able to induce him to "let well enough alone" until the

fourth of March is a question. No less than two weeks ago the President declared to one of his callers that he would call an extra session in the spring unless something then unforeseen could cause him to change his mind. He is now feeling the pulse of the leaders and it is believed that he has come to see that an extra session of Congress would meet the favor of the majority of the leaders. He has not said that he would not approve of such session, but as matters are now shaping themselves, an extra session seems more remote than it did two weeks ago. Should the President retire from his position, it would be only for what he would believe to be the good of the party. Personally he is as ardent a revisionist as those who have been trying to influence him are. Speaker Cannon recently spent an evening with the President going over the subject. He advised against an extra session for tariff revision purposes. His argument is that in the recent campaign the slogan was "stand pat," and that it was because of this that the people rolled up such a tremendous majority for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

"Uncle Joe" feels that there would be little excuse for tariff revision at this time, in the face of their verdict. He left the President unconvinced, but still open to argument.

### LIVE RABBIT WILL BE GRAFTED TO BOY'S LIMB IN A NEW JERSEY HOSPITAL

AN EXTREMELY RARE OPERATION TO TRY TO SAVE LEG FROM AMPUTATION.

(By Publishers' Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—In a last attempt to save the leg of Cornelius Post, 15 years old, who for nearly two years has suffered from burns, the surgeons at St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N. J., will graft a live rabbit to the injured member. The rabbit will

be chloroformed, a piece of its skin will be raised and grafted to the boy's leg and the animal will be kept bound to the limb for several days until the doctors are satisfied that the skin has adhered or that the operation is a failure, when the rabbit will be killed. This operation, according to Dr. Fox, the house physician, is an extremely rare one, but has been known to succeed when all other methods failed.

### WILLIAMS REFUSED TO SURRENDER

POSSE RIDDLED HIS HOME WITH BULLETS—DEAD BODY FOUND ON THE FLOOR.

(By Publishers' Press.)

ALVARADO, Texas, Dec. 1.—J. M. Williams, of near Barnesville, who yesterday killed Stephen McKinney and the latter's father, as the sequel to the young man's having eloped with Williams' step-daughter, was pur-

sued to his home by a posse. Upon refusing to surrender, the house was riddled with bullets. When the smoke cleared away, Williams' dead body was found on the floor. Clutched in his hand was this note: "I die for my children. Read our laws, and in so doing, save some good man's life." (Signed.) "J. M. WILLIAMS."

The inquest decided that Williams came to his death while resisting arrest.

### ELECTROCUTED BY TURNING ON LIGHT

H. B. MASTERS SAT DOWN TO SEND TELEPHONE MESSAGE AND WAS KILLED.

(By Publishers' Press.)

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—Harry B. Masters, a former Alderman of this city, and agent for the Standard Oil Company in South Eastern Massachusetts, was electrocuted in his office last night when turning on an incan-

descent light.

Mr. Masters sat down at his desk to telephone to his daughter that he would not be home until late and when he turned the button on the lamp, he had the desk phone in the other hand. There was a flash of light and Mr. Masters fell over lifeless.

Carl Merrill, his clerk was seriously burned in trying to drag Mr. Masters away from the telephone.

### BIG INCREASE

IN EXPORT TRADE WITH CANADA ACCORDING TO REPORT OF LABOR BUREAU.

(By Publishers' Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—According to a bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the export of the United States during the ten months which ended with October, indicate that this year's business with Canada will exceed all records in former years. The value of exports was \$110,775,656, against \$111,884,763 for the corresponding period of 1903 and less than \$94,000,000 in 1902.

Come Easy, Go Easy.

(By Publishers' Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—After spending more than \$1,000 in the Southside Levee, Fred Heineman and Benjamin Lee, of Arkon, O., were arrested on Wednesday night. The money is said to have been secured from Levi A. Swigert, a pottery maker of Arkon.

### HOT IRONS

SET ROBES AND LADY'S DRESS ON FIRE ENDANGERING THE WOMAN'S LIFE.

MISHA, Ind., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Fred Marker was nearly burned to death on a public highway Wednesday at her home here. In order to keep warm during the drive Mr. Marker had placed hot irons in her buggy before leaving town. When about four miles out she discovered that the robes and her dress were on fire. She jumped from her buggy and stood enveloped in a sheet of flame. A passer-by ran to her assistance and with blankets smothered out the blaze.

Mrs. Marker is in a serious condition.

To-night the Conroy and Mack Stock Company will present "East Lynne."

All Trimmed Hats reduced just 1-3 at the Bon Ton. x

Ask your grocer for Marion flour. x

### PHIL TRIES TO KEEP HORSES FAT

BUT HE HAS TROUBLES OF HIS OWN—SOMEBODY ALWAYS "BUTTS IN" WITH PHIL.

The inadequateness of the horse flesh covering the carcasses of Phil Johnson's animals has been a great problem for the local humane society to contend with. Phil has worked hard to keep his horses fat but the scarcity of feed in his stable has been against him.

This morning J. M. Moore, living near Holy Cross cemetery, went before Justice E. S. Amos and swore out a warrant for one Phil Johnson, charging him with stealing a load of hay worth three dollars. Chief Morgan served the warrant and the defendant gave bond for his appearance for trial tomorrow at two o'clock.

Moore learned that his hay was missing last evening and followed the trace to this city. The hay was in a field near the cemetery and had been stolen Tuesday night. Hay was found in Phil's barn which Moore said very much resembled his own. Phil says that the hay was put into his barn long ago for his winter feed and he stole it not. It is not known what evidence will be produced at the trial.

Phil's horses cause him a great deal of anxiety.

### GENERAL MILES MAY ACCEPT PLACE

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS WILL OFFER HIM POSITION OF ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MASSACHUSETTS.

(By Publishers' Press.)

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—Lieutenant General Nelson Miles, retired, may be Adjutant General of Massachusetts in the administration of Governor Douglas.

Within a few days a representative of Governor-elect Douglas authorized to offer the place to General Miles, has been in communication with the distinguished soldier. General Miles is not prepared to say whether he will or not take the place.

Under the new Dick Militia Law the appointment of two retired men and army officers in the military department of each State is not only permitted, but encouraged.

If General Miles accepted the office of Adjutant General of Massachusetts he would receive full pay, \$11,000 a year, of a Lieutenant General of the United States Army and a salary of \$3,000 a year which the commonwealth pays to the Adjutant General, a total of \$14,000.

### WAS SUICIDE

SON OF WEALTHY NEW YORK BANKER JUMPED TO DEATH IN LONDON HOTEL.

(By Publishers' Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The inquest into the death of Elverton R. Chapman, Jr., the son of the wealthy New York banker, was held to-day. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane. Chapman left letters for his father and sister, in which he stated that he had hoped to see them again, but was afraid that was not to be. Chapman committed suicide on Tuesday by jumping over the banister on the third floor of the Carlton Hotel, and landing on the stone flooring of the first corridor.

Still Makes Good.

The Trees and Benedum well-on the Holden farm near Mannington came in Tuesday and is a good producer. Yesterday the well did 75 barrels per hour with the tools yet in it.

Geo. W. Hawthorne, of the United States Army, has set up a recruiting station at the Marietta Hotel. He will receive recruits for any branch of the service.

#### THE WEATHER.

Rain To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Forecast for West Virginia: Partly cloudy to-night, Friday, rain.

### THE JAPS HAVE CAPTURED 203 METRE HILL

THIS IS REGARDED AS A MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT FOR GENERAL NOGI.

METRE HILL TAKEN AFTER TERRIFIC FIGHTING AND HAND TO HAND CONFLICT.

RUSSIANS LEFT HEAPS OF DEAD BODIES ON THE SUMMIT OF THE HILL.

(By Publishers' Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Japanese have London all but in their grasp. The capture of "203 metre hill," news of which was contained in an official dispatch from Tokio this morning, is the most decided step toward the final occupation of the Russian stronghold since the outer line of the fortress was assaulted and taken.

The eminence which is to the West of Port Arthur itself is the highest point in that direction, and from its summit the Japanese can sweep every inch of the harbor, as well as every position outside of Liaotshan and Tiger Tail, which the Russians can take. As a result it is generally believed in expert and official circles, news will shortly be received of the final demolition of the remaining Russian vessels in the harbor by the heavy calibre guns which the Japanese troops have mounted on the hill.

But one thing, it seems, can now save General Stoessel and his brave band of defenders from compulsory surrender to General Nogi. This is the withdrawal of the Russian troops to another position. If they had provisions they could hold out for some time. The Japanese, however, are reported to have worked a portion of their force around to the territory between these forts and the present position of General Stoessel and there is a strong possibility that the Russian retreats in this direction is, or will shortly be, cut off. This would mean the final doom of the beleaguered.

The fighting at "203 Metre Hill" has been terrific and the emplacements taken at an appalling cost to both Japanese and Russians. The bombardment has been in progress since November 29. An assault was made on that day, but was repulsed.

The next day, November 30, a more determined and combined attack was met with an equally stubborn resistance, and again General Nogi's men were hurled back. Late in the evening the Japanese forces, which had been added to from other divisions, charged up the hill and after hand to hand conflicts with the defenders, which lasted for over an hour, the Russians were swept from the position. The Russians left heaps of bodies on the summit. The Japanese loss, according to one report, was four thousand.

Hopes Revived.

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—Noon.—The storming and capture of "203 Metre Hill" revives the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur proper.

To-day was the date set under the conscription act when recruits could join the army. Cheered by the news from General Nogi thousands of recruits throughout the empire marched to the barracks and donned uniforms for the first time.

Following an honored custom, the relatives of the recruits, carrying flags and banners, escorted the new soldiers to their barracks. In Tokio to-day there have been scores of little processions escorting detachments of popular conscripts.

An Irreparable Blow.

(By Publishers' Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 1.—In official circles it is admitted that if the reports are correct of the capture of "203 Metre Hill" the blow is irreparable to the defenders of Port Arthur. The war office officials reluctantly agree that the breach in the chain renders the position extremely critical, and though the garrison might be able to hold out in the Golden Hill, Tiger's Tail and Liao-Timors for some time, it may mark the beginning of the end.

The war office is convinced that with the approach of Russian Second Pacific Squadron the Japanese considered that the elimination of the Port Arthur squadron as a fighting factor was absolutely vital, thus accounting for the reckless sacrifice of life in order to secure a position directly commanding the harbor.